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SUBJECT: FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF LEAD-FREE GASOLINE IN CANADA.

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1973

1. OFFICE OF TOURISM, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND
COMMERCE, HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF ITS
STUDY AVAILABILITY OF LEAD-FREE GASOLINE:

BEGIN TEXT. UNLEADED GASOLINE OUTLETS ARE PLENTIFUL IN
CANADA AND THEIR NUMBERS ARE INCREASING ALMOST DAILY. THIS
CHANGEVER IS THE RESULT OF NEW ANTI-POLLUTION REGULATIONS
WHICH REQUIRE CATALYTIC CONVERTERS BY OCTOBER, 1974, ON
ALL NEW MODEL AUTOMOBILES AND THESE CONVERTERS, IN THE
MAJORITY OF CASES, NECESSITATE THE USE OF UNLEADED GASOLINE.

BY OCTOBER, 1974, THERE WILL BE 1,202 STATIONS IN QUEBEC
ALONE WHICH SELL UNLEADED GASOLINE, AND THIS NUMBER IS
EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO 1,529 BY JULY, 1975. SIMILAR INCREASES
ARE EXPECTED IN ALL 10 PROVINCES. ONTARIO REPORTS IT WILL
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HAVE 1,919 OUTLETS SELLING UNLEADED GASOLINE BY OCTOBER OF

THIS YEAR, AND THAT FIGURE IS PREDICTED TO INCREASE TO
2,858 BY JULY, 1975.

WHAT THIS MEANS TO THE TOURIST, U.S. AND CANADIAN, IS
THAT HE IS RELATIVELY FREE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN CANADA
WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF UNLEADED GASOLINE.

BY THE END OF 1974 IT IS EXPECTED THAT 124,000 CANADIAN
VEHICLES WILL REQUIRE UNLEADED GASOLINE. THIS NUMBER WILL
INCREASE TO MORE THAN 1,000,000 BY THE END OF 1976. END TEXT

2. EMBASSY WILL SEEK FURTHER DETAIL IF DESIRED.
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